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Latest: Wes Huff Addresses Plagiarism Allegations as Apologetics Canada Board Reviews

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Did Wes Huff commit plagiarism?"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Christian apologist Wes Huff has admitted that a 2016 seminary paper at the centre of plagiarism allegations had "troublesome" citation and attribution, but says the paper was an unfinished draft that was never formally submitted for academic credit, as the Apologetics Canada Board conducts a review that has not yet reached a conclusion. Huff, vice president of Apologetics Canada and a PhD candidate in New Testament and Christian Origins at the University of Toronto's Wycliffe College, has stepped back from public comment while the review runs; the allegations against him remain unproven.

Ten years ago, Huff was a master's student at Tyndale Seminary writing a paper on Christology. Today he is one of the most watched evangelical apologists on the internet, a debater who rose to fame in 2024. The distance between those two men - a student with a messy draft and a public figure with millions of viewers - is why the next few weeks matter so much for his future.

Dan McClellan Wes Huff Allegations: What Was Claimed On 8 November

The allegations were made on 8 November 2026, when Mormon biblical scholar Dan McClellan, who holds a PhD in religion and theology, posted an hour-long YouTube video titled "Did Wes Huff commit plagiarism?" He alleged that Huff's 2016 Tyndale Seminary master's paper on Christology closely follows an earlier paper by scholar Brian J. Wright, with about two-thirds of it tracking Wright's argument, quotations, sources and sequence.

The details are the kind that make an accusation hard to shrug off. He alleged that Huff's paper reproduces Wright's own mistakes, including a misspelled name and a publication date with reversed digits, and lifts Wright's footnotes without consulting the underlying sources. If those claims are right, they point to copying rather than coincidence, because a writer who has read the original sources does not usually inherit another writer's errors.

Associate professor Stephen Carlson seperately claimed that Huff plagiarised him as well. That second claim widened the story beyond a single paper, and it raised the question now at the centre of the case: was this a young student cutting corners on one assignment, or a pattern running through his early work?

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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